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For: METHOD MARKING A THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL  
Attorney Docket: JFH-A12898US

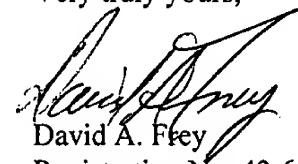
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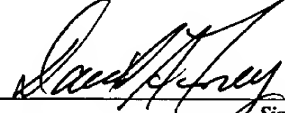
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